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MAIN FEATURES

- . In November 1976, 20.8 per cent of married women, aged under 40 and without children, expected to have no children, 6.4 per cent expected one child, 50.7 per cent expected 2 children, and 22.1 per cent expected 3 or more. The proportions for married women under 40 who had already had one or more children, were 76.0 per cent expected no more children, 17.1 per cent expected one additional child, 5.5 per cent expected 2 additional children and 1.4 per cent expected three or more additional children.
- . There was a clear preference for two-child families; of married women under 40 with no children 50.7 per cent expected two children, of those with one child already born 49.6 per cent expected one more, and of those who already had two children 84.6 per cent expected no more.
- . Expectation of additional children is dependent on the number of children already born to a woman and, to a lesser extent, the sex-composition of these children. Among married women who had had two children, 19.9 per cent of those with children of the same sex expected an additional child. This compares with 13.9 per cent among those with one child of each sex.
- . By adding together the number of children the women in the survey had had and the number of children they expected to have, an indication can be given of the total number of children (already born and expected to be born) of these women. The average number of actual and expected children of married women near the end of their child-bearing period, i.e. aged 35 to 39 years, was estimated at 2.9 compared with 2.3 at ages 15-19 and 20-24, 2.4 at ages 25-29 and 2.6 at ages 30-34. The average for all married women under 40 was 2.5.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains results of a survey in November 1976 of the child-bearing histories and birth expectations of ever-married women in Australia. The survey was conducted as a supplement to the regular quarterly Population Survey. Questions were directed to women under the age of 40 who were married, widowed or divorced. Information was obtained about the birth date and sex of each child and the number of children still living. Women married at the time of the survey were asked how many more children they expected to have altogether and in the next five years, and when they expected the next child to be born. Information on number of children expected in the next five years is not presented in this bulletin, but is available on request.

The survey was the first to be undertaken on this topic by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. A preliminary bulletin (Catalogue No. 3213.0), issued in December 1977, contained summary results. This

bulletin provides greater detail using an improved estimation base and imputation for certain items. A second survey is planned for June 1979. The results will allow comparisons to be made with the November 1976 survey.

Scope

The Population Survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of dwellings covering about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information was obtained by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being carried out over four weeks. Members of the permanent defence forces and diplomatic personnel were excluded. Also excluded from the November 1976 survey were women in hospital and women living in institutions. Birth expectations questions were not asked of widowed and divorced women.

Estimation

To obtain the preliminary estimates which were published in December 1977, ratio estimation procedures were used based on benchmarks of the female population in the required age, State or Territory and regional categories, derived from 1971 Census figures updated in accordance with subsequent deaths and net migration. For the final estimates, revised benchmarks were used based on the preliminary results of the 1976 Population Census adjusted for under-enumeration and classified by marital status. The procedure ensures that the final survey estimates conform to an independent estimate of ever-married women classified by age and sex and thus compensates for any inherent under-enumeration or over-enumeration in the sample.

Reliability of the estimates

The technical note shown as Attachment I to this bulletin gives a brief explanation of the measures of the likely difference of the estimates from the figures that would have been produced from a full count.

The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should be distinguished from inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers, and respondents, and in office coding and processing. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

The results of the survey may also be affected by a number of other factors and the following points should be specially noted :

- (a) If, as is likely, child-bearing histories and birth expectations of women in hospital differ from those of other married women of the same age and living in the same area, the exclusion of women in institutions can bias the survey

results. For instance, the average hospital stay for childbirth may be between seven and eight days. This would account for an average of about 4,000 married women in hospital – away from home – for childbirth at any time. The omission of these women, equivalent to about 30 survey respondents, may not have a significant effect on the survey results overall; but it should be kept in mind that this could affect certain results, such as the number of women who had a child in the preceding 12 months, and who expected a child in the following 12 months.

- (b) The limiting of the survey to married women affects the survey results in other ways. For instance, the estimated numbers of married women who expected to have a child within twelve months of the survey date (180,000) is well below the estimated number of nuptial confinements in 1977 (201,135). While expectations may or may not be actually realised, a significant reason for the difference is that many women with nuptial births in 1977 were not yet married in November 1976. Others may have been overseas, including women subsequently migrating to Australia. For these reasons, the difference between the figures cannot be taken as a measure of error or bias in the survey.
- (c) Out of about 10,800 married women aged 15 to 39 selected for interview, 610, or 5.6 per cent, failed to provide any usable answers, mainly because a personal interview could not be arranged. In addition, there were women who failed to answer one or more questions. The women who could not be interviewed in private dwellings, as well as any women in institutions, were dropped from the survey and the expansion factors were adjusted accordingly. The women who provided no answers or unsatisfactory answers in response to individual questions remained in the survey.
- (d) There is some evidence that inaccurate information provided by respondents has affected data relating to duration of marriage, particularly where the marriage date was close to the date of the birth of the first child. Statistics derived from birth registration indicate that first nuptial births within twelve months of marriage have for many years now exceeded first nuptial births in the second year of marriage. The reverse is shown by the survey results. A precise comparison cannot be made since the first nuptial births to women covered by the survey cannot be identified in the annual births statistics. It is also likely that additional inaccuracies are introduced through imputation of date of marriage referred to below. Because of these two sources of inaccuracies, figures on duration of marriage contained in Tables 14, 15 and 16 need to be used with caution.

Imputation

In a small number of cases, missing information about the respondent's age, number of children, etc. was imputed from related details of the respondent. Where imputation was not possible, 'not stated' categories were carried into the tabulation.

All questions regarding the number of expected children were expressed to allow the answers 'one or two', 'two or three' etc. The statistics shown in this bulletin have these cases evenly allocated to the two numbers involved in each case.

The date of birth (month and year) of each woman was imputed from given age (in years). Details of the month and year of birth are required for the calculation of age at marriage and at the birth of a child. Similarly, date of marriage (month and year) was imputed from the duration of marriage which was supplied in completed years.

Imputed date of birth and date of marriage (month and year) were necessary for the estimation of :

- (a) age of woman at time of first marriage
- (b) number of children of the current marriage
- (c) interval between marriage and first child.

In these estimations account was taken of relevant information available from birth registration statistics. This information includes the seasonal patterns of births and marriages, the recorded intervals between marriages and nuptial births, and the occurrence of ex-nuptial births. Further information on the methods of imputation and estimation is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

In all these cases, although the adjusted values have been shown in this bulletin, the original values remain in the record and tabulations can be made on either basis.

Interpretation of results

When referring to the scope of the survey, attention was drawn to the effects of confining the survey to women aged 15 to 39 and married at the time of the survey. More generally, the interpretation of results, particularly of the more complex classifications by age and duration of marriage, should be made with care, keeping in mind the need for imputation and the correlation existing between the age of the mother, the duration of marriage and the number of children.

Items of information

Items tabulated in this statement include age, birthplace, marital status, duration of marriage, number of children already born (live-born only), number of (additional) children expected, intervals between successive children, expected interval to the next birth, sex of surviving children, State and type of locality (metropolitan/non-metropolitan), and labour force

status. These and other items covered in the survey are listed in Attachment II with a brief description and details of the classifications where appropriate.

Further tabulations

Only a small number of all possible tabulations was selected for publication in this bulletin. Users requiring special tabulations are advised to contact the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Related publications

Users may also wish to refer to the following major publications which are available on request :

Births (3301.0)

Projections of the Population of Australia (3204.0)

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Symbols and other usages

- .. Not applicable
- * Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. See Technical Note, page 24.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. EVER-MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 : BY VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS
NOVEMBER 1976
(^{'000} women)

Characteristics of women	Married women			Widowed and divorced	Total, ever- married
	Married once	Remarried	Total		
Age group –					
15-19	44.2	*	44.2	*	44.5
20-24	336.3	5.1	341.4	4.1	345.5
25-29	469.3	18.5	487.8	15.5	503.4
30-34	406.0	26.3	432.2	16.0	448.3
35-39	343.9	24.4	368.3	20.2	388.5
Children already born –					
0	312.1	10.9	323.0	7.3	330.3
1	284.4	11.7	296.1	15.0	311.1
2	532.6	21.4	554.0	14.5	568.5
3	300.3	14.8	315.1	10.4	325.5
4 or more	170.2	15.3	185.5	9.0	194.5
Country of birth –					
Australia	1,164.3	53.6	1,217.9	43.8	1,261.7
United Kingdom and Ireland	152.0	10.6	162.6	5.9	168.5
Southern Europe (a)	136.8	3.2	140.0	*	141.6
Other Europe	76.8	4.5	81.3	4.2	85.5
Other	69.8	2.4	72.2	*	72.8
Total, overseas-born	435.4	20.7	456.1	12.4	468.4
State –					
New South Wales	554.0	26.8	580.7	22.0	602.7
Victoria	431.0	18.0	449.0	11.9	460.9
Queensland	235.4	11.5	246.8	9.3	256.1
South Australia	147.5	7.8	155.3	5.4	160.7
Western Australia	140.5	6.3	146.8	5.1	151.9
Tasmania	47.8	2.1	49.9	1.2	51.1
Northern Territory	14.3	*	15.1	*	15.2
Australian Capital Territory	29.3	*	30.4	1.3	31.7
Metro./non-metro. –					
Metropolitan (b)	1,018.3	47.8	1,066.0	40.0	1,106.0
Non-metropolitan	581.4	26.5	607.9	16.2	624.1
Labour force status –					
Self-employed	74.0	3.8	77.9	*	78.9
Employee	566.8	27.3	594.2	24.8	618.9
Unemployed	6.0	*	6.0	*	6.7
Not in labour force	952.7	43.1	995.9	29.7	1,025.5
Total	1,599.6	74.3	1,674.0	56.2	1,730.2

(a) Comprises Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Greece and Yugoslavia. (b) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).

TABLE 2. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN OF EVER-MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS :
BY VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS, NOVEMBER 1976

Characteristics of woman	Average number of children already born of married women			Widowed and divorced	Ever-married women
	Married once	Re-married	Total		
Age group —					
15-19	0.5	*	0.5	*	0.5
20-24	0.8	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.9
25-29	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.7
30-34	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.4
35-39	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8
Country of birth —					
Australia	1.9	2.5	1.9	2.1	1.9
United Kingdom and Ireland	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9
Southern Europe (a)	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.0
Other Europe	1.8	2.1	1.9	2.1	1.9
Other	1.7	1.9	1.7	*	1.7
Total overseas-born	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.9
State —					
New South Wales	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.9
Victoria	1.9	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.9
Queensland	2.0	2.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
South Australia	1.8	2.6	1.8	2.4	1.8
Western Australia	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.4	1.9
Tasmania	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.8	2.1
Northern Territory	2.0	*	2.1	*	2.1
Australian Capital Territory	1.7	*	1.7	*	1.7
Metro./non-metro. —					
Metropolitan (b)	1.8	2.2	1.8	2.0	1.8
Non-metropolitan	2.1	2.7	2.1	2.2	2.1
Labour force status —					
Self-employed	2.2	1.8	2.2	*	2.2
Employed	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.4
Unemployed	1.0	*	1.0	*	1.0
Not in labour force	2.2	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.2
Total	1.9	2.4	1.9	2.1	1.9

(a) Comprises Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Greece and Yugoslavia. (b) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).

TABLE 3. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN AND EXPECTED (a) OF MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 (b) : BY VARIOUS CHARACTERISTICS, NOVEMBER 1976

Characteristics of women	Married women Number ('000)	Average number of children (b)		
		Already born	Expected additional	Total
Age group —				
15-19	40.0	0.5	1.8	2.3
20-24	307.8	0.8	1.5	2.3
25-29	429.7	1.7	0.7	2.4
30-34	394.4	2.4	0.2	2.6
35-39	348.3	2.9	*	2.9
Country of birth —				
Australia	1,121.6	1.9	0.6	2.6
United Kingdom and Ireland	151.5	1.9	0.5	2.5
Southern Europe (c)	113.4	2.0	0.5	2.5
Other Europe	70.5	1.9	0.5	2.4
Other	63.2	1.7	0.8	2.5
Total overseas-born	398.5	1.9	0.5	2.5
State —				
New South Wales	523.3	1.9	0.6	2.5
Victoria	403.0	1.9	0.6	2.5
Queensland	226.9	2.0	0.6	2.6
South Australia	144.1	1.8	0.6	2.4
Western Australia	136.1	1.9	0.6	2.5
Tasmania	46.0	2.1	0.5	2.6
Northern Territory	12.6	2.2	0.5	2.6
Australian Capital Territory	28.2	1.7	0.7	2.4
Metro./non-metro. —				
Metropolitan (d)	962.2	1.8	0.6	2.5
Non-metropolitan	557.9	2.1	0.6	2.7
Labour force status —				
Self-employed	67.8	2.2	0.3	2.5
Employee	542.8	1.4	0.9	2.3
Unemployed	5.1	1.0	1.0	2.0
Not in labour force	904.4	2.2	0.5	2.7
Total	1,520.2	1.9	0.6	2.5

(a) Expectations expressed as "one or two", "two or three" etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case. (b) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. As a result, statistics in this table showing the average number of children born may differ slightly from those shown in Table 2. (c) Comprises Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Greece and Yugoslavia. (d) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).

TABLE 4. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS : BY AGE, DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN, NOVEMBER 1976
(000 women)

Age group	Women whose current marriage was of duration –				Total
	Under 2 years	2 years to under 5 years	5 years to under 10 years	10 years or more	
NO CHILDREN					
15-19	22.8	*	*	*	24.4
20-24	87.6	67.9	3.7	*	159.1
25-29	22.3	41.0	28.3	*	92.4
30-34	3.4	6.7	11.6	7.0	28.7
35-39	*	2.9	4.1	9.6	18.4
Total	137.9	120.1	47.7	17.4	323.0
ONE CHILD					
15-19	10.5	5.6	*	*	16.1
20-24	12.4	68.0	13.4	*	93.8
25-29	3.6	43.7	61.3	3.9	112.6
30-34	2.3	9.3	21.3	14.6	47.6
35-39	*	*	5.4	18.7	26.1
Total	29.4	128.1	101.4	37.2	296.1
TWO CHILDREN					
15-19	*	2.3	*	*	3.5
20-24	2.2	35.8	34.0	*	72.0
25-29	*	22.3	143.4	19.2	186.5
30-34	*	8.1	63.5	100.8	173.8
35-39	*	2.4	13.9	100.1	118.3
Total	7.9	71.0	255.1	220.1	554.0
THREE CHILDREN					
15-19	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	3.6	9.4	*	13.2
25-29	*	5.0	49.5	17.0	72.3
30-34	*	2.4	27.3	89.2	120.0
35-39	*	*	6.5	101.4	109.3
Total	2.7	12.2	92.7	207.6	315.1
FOUR OR MORE CHILDREN					
15-19	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	*	2.6	*	3.3
25-29	*	*	11.1	10.9	24.1
30-34	*	*	10.3	49.8	62.2
35-39	2.5	*	3.1	88.7	96.1
Total	4.6	4.7	27.0	149.3	185.7
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN					
15-19	34.1	9.8	*	*	44.2
20-24	102.7	175.6	63.1	*	341.4
25-29	28.9	113.7	293.5	51.7	487.8
30-34	9.6	27.4	134.0	261.3	432.2
35-39	7.2	9.5	32.9	318.6	368.3
Total	182.5	336.1	523.8	631.6	1,674.0

TABLE 5. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS : BY AGE, DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF EXPECTED (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN (a), NOVEMBER 1976
(⁰⁰⁰ women)

Age group	Women whose current marriage was of duration –				Total
	Under 2 years	2 years to under 5 years	5 years to under 10 years	10 years or more	
EXPECT NO (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN					
15-19	3.5	2.3	*	*	6.1
20-24	5.2	37.0	33.5	*	75.7
25-29	4.5	26.2	163.1	44.3	238.2
30-34	4.2	12.7	92.1	229.9	338.8
35-39	5.7	6.3	25.9	301.0	338.8
Total	23.1	84.4	314.8	575.2	997.5
EXPECT ONE (ADDITIONAL) CHILD					
15-19	5.6	3.1	*	*	8.7
20-24	10.1	47.2	15.8	*	73.1
25-29	5.7	33.0	61.6	2.7	102.9
30-34	*	7.5	17.2	11.7	37.0
35-39	*	*	2.2	3.2	7.4
Total	22.4	92.5	96.7	17.6	229.1
EXPECT TWO (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN					
15-19	13.3	2.2	*	*	15.4
20-24	48.0	54.8	4.7	*	107.5
25-29	8.3	33.9	27.0	*	71.0
30-34	3.0	3.3	8.1	2.8	17.2
35-39	*	*	*	*	*
Total	73.1	94.4	40.7	4.9	213.0
EXPECT THREE (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN					
15-19	6.2	*	*	*	6.7
20-24	21.2	16.9	*	*	39.0
25-29	4.8	5.9	3.0	*	14.0
30-34	*	*	*	*	*
35-39	*	*	*	*	*
Total	32.3	23.6	4.4	*	60.5
EXPECT FOUR OR MORE (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN					
15-19	2.8	*	*	*	3.1
20-24	7.2	4.7	*	*	12.5
25-29	*	*	*	*	3.6
30-34	*	*	*	*	*
35-39	*	*	*	*	*
Total	10.5	6.9	2.5	*	20.0
EXPECT MORE CHILDREN BUT UNCERTAIN OF NUMBER					
15-19	*	*	*	*	2.2
20-24	5.3	3.9	*	*	9.6
25-29	2.5	3.7	2.5	*	8.9
30-34	*	*	*	*	3.1
35-39	*	*	*	*	*
Total	9.5	8.7	5.2	*	25.1

TABLE 5. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS : BY AGE, DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE
AND NUMBER OF EXPECTED (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN (a), NOVEMBER 1976 – *continued*
(*000 women)

Age group	Women whose current marriage was of duration –				Total
	Under 2 years	2 years to under 5 years	5 years to under 10 years	10 years or more	
EXPECTATIONS UNKNOWN					
15-19	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	5.7	11.2	7.1	*	24.1
25-29	2.5	9.9	34.7	2.2	49.2
30-34	*	2.5	14.4	16.1	34.7
35-39	*	*	3.3	13.7	18.8
Total	11.5	25.8	59.5	32.0	128.7
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN					
15-19	34.1	9.8	*	*	44.2
20-24	102.7	175.6	63.1	*	341.4
25-29	28.9	113.7	293.5	51.7	487.8
30-34	9.6	27.4	134.0	261.3	432.2
35-39	7.2	9.5	32.9	318.6	368.3
Total	182.5	336.1	523.8	631.6	1,674.0

(a) Expectations expressed as "one or two", "two or three" etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case.

TABLE 6. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS : BY AGE, DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE
AND EXPECTED COMPLETED FAMILY SIZE (a)(b), NOVEMBER 1976
(*000 women)

Age group	Women whose current marriage was of duration –				Total
	Under 2 years	2 years to under 5 years	5 years to under 10 years	10 years or more	
EXPECT TO REMAIN CHILDLESS					
15-19	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	3.4	6.3	*	*	11.3
25-29	2.7	6.2	8.6	*	18.0
30-34	*	2.3	6.0	4.9	14.2
35-39	*	*	2.5	8.8	13.9
Total	9.3	17.1	18.7	14.2	59.3
EXPECT COMPLETED FAMILY OF ONE CHILD					
15-19	2.0	*	*	*	2.2
20-24	4.6	12.8	2.2	*	19.6
25-29	3.6	6.7	12.9	*	25.2
30-34	1.8	3.7	8.3	10.3	24.1
35-39	*	*	2.6	15.3	19.2
Total	12.8	23.8	26.0	27.5	90.2

TABLE 6. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS : BY AGE, DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE AND EXPECTED COMPLETED FAMILY SIZE (a)(b), NOVEMBER 1976 – *continued*
(’000 women)

(300 women)					
Women whose current marriage was of duration –					
Age group	Under 2 years	2 years to under 5 years	5 years to under 10 years	10 years or more	Total
EXPECT COMPLETED FAMILY OF TWO CHILDREN					
15-19	16.7	4.8	*	*	21.8
20-24	51.8	89.2	30.1	*	171.1
25-29	9.4	57.8	139.9	17.5	224.5
30-34	2.4	11.4	60.0	92.3	166.1
35-39	2.3	2.9	13.7	96.2	115.2
Total	82.6	166.1	244.0	205.9	698.7
EXPECT COMPLETED FAMILY OF THREE CHILDREN					
15-19	7.0	2.2	*	*	9.3
20-24	22.3	37.4	14.9	*	74.6
25-29	6.4	20.6	69.9	17.0	114.0
30-34	*	4.5	28.2	85.5	119.8
35-39	*	*	7.2	97.5	106.5
Total	37.8	66.1	120.3	200.0	424.1
EXPECT COMPLETED FAMILY OF FOUR OR MORE CHILDREN					
15-19	4.1	*	*	*	4.8
20-24	9.5	14.9	6.8	*	31.2
25-29	*	8.9	25.0	12.4	48.1
30-34	*	2.4	15.1	51.4	70.3
35-39	2.3	*	3.2	86.5	93.5
Total	19.0	28.4	50.1	150.3	247.8
EXPECT MORE CHILDREN BUT UNCERTAIN OF NUMBER					
15-19	*	*	*	*	2.2
20-24	5.3	3.9	*	*	9.6
25-29	2.5	3.7	2.5	*	8.9
30-34	*	*	*	*	3.1
35-39	*	*	*	*	*
Total	9.5	8.7	5.2	*	25.1
EXPECTATIONS UNKNOWN					
15-19	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	5.7	11.2	7.1	*	24.1
25-29	2.5	9.9	34.7	2.2	49.2
30-34	*	2.5	14.4	16.1	34.7
35-39	*	*	3.3	13.7	18.8
Total	11.5	25.8	59.5	32.0	128.7
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN					
15-19	34.1	9.8	*	*	44.2
20-24	102.7	175.6	63.1	*	341.4
25-29	28.9	113.7	293.5	51.7	487.8
30-34	9.6	27.4	134.0	261.3	432.2
35-39	7.2	9.5	32.9	318.6	368.3
Total	182.5	336.1	523.8	631.6	1,674.0

(a) Expected children plus children already born. (b) Expectations expressed as “one or two”, “two or three” etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case.

TABLE 7. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS : BY AGE, NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN
AND EXPECTED (a), NOVEMBER 1976
(*000 women)

Age group	Women chose children numbered -					Total Number	Per cent
	None	One	Two	Three	Four or more		
EXPECT NO MORE CHILDREN							
15-19	*	*	2.3	*	*	6.1	0.6
20-24	11.3	11.9	41.3	8.8	2.4	75.7	7.6
25-29	18.0	17.8	125.1	56.0	21.3	238.2	23.9
30-34	14.2	21.7	143.4	105.2	54.3	338.8	34.0
35-39	13.9	18.8	110.7	104.6	90.8	338.7	34.0
Total	59.3	71.8	422.7	274.9	168.8	997.5	100.0
EXPECT ONE (ADDITIONAL) CHILD							
15-19	*	7.7	*	*	*	8.7	3.8
20-24	7.7	47.3	15.7	2.3	*	73.1	31.9
25-29	7.3	57.6	29.2	8.0	*	102.9	44.9
30-34	2.4	15.4	9.7	6.8	2.7	37.0	16.2
35-39	*	3.0	*	*	*	7.4	3.2
Total	18.4	131.0	56.6	18.4	4.8	229.1	100.0
EXPECT TWO (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN							
15-19	11.8	3.5	*	*	*	15.4	7.2
20-24	82.4	19.5	5.2	*	*	107.5	50.5
25-29	41.8	19.1	9.0	*	*	71.0	33.3
30-34	7.4	4.4	3.4	*	*	17.2	8.1
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	145.0	46.9	17.7	2.6	*	213.0	100.0
EXPECT THREE (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN							
15-19	5.1	*	*	*	*	6.7	11.1
20-24	30.6	7.7	*	*	*	39.0	64.5
25-29	9.7	3.3	*	*	*	14.0	23.1
30-34	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	45.8	13.0	*	*	*	60.5	100.0
EXPECT FOUR OR MORE (ADDITIONAL) CHILDREN							
15-19	2.7	*	*	*	*	3.1	15.5
20-24	11.8	*	*	*	*	12.5	62.5
25-29	2.2	*	*	*	*	3.6	18.0
30-34	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	17.3	*	*	*	*	20.0	100.0
EXPECT MORE CHILDREN BUT UNCERTAIN OF NUMBER							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	2.2	8.8
20-24	7.5	*	*	*	*	9.6	38.2
25-29	5.1	2.8	*	*	*	8.9	35.5
30-34	*	*	*	*	*	3.1	12.4
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	15.2	5.9	2.2	*	*	25.1	100.0

TABLE 7. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS : BY AGE, NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN AND EXPECTED (a), NOVEMBER 1976 – *continued*
(‘000 women)

Age group	Women whose children numbered –					Total Number	Per cent
	None	One	Two	Three	Four or more		
EXPECTATIONS UNKNOWN							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	7.9	5.6	8.0	*	*	24.1	18.7
25-29	8.2	11.3	20.8	7.0	*	49.2	38.2
30-34	3.2	4.9	16.4	6.6	3.5	34.7	27.0
35-39	*	3.4	6.1	3.3	3.9	18.8	14.6
Total	21.9	26.0	52.0	18.7	10.1	128.7	100.0
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN							
15-19	24.4	16.1	3.5	*	*	44.2	2.6
20-24	159.1	93.8	72.0	13.2	3.3	341.4	20.4
25-29	92.4	112.6	186.5	72.3	24.1	487.8	29.1
30-34	28.7	47.6	173.8	120.0	62.2	432.2	25.8
35-39	18.4	26.1	118.3	109.3	96.1	368.3	22.0
Total	323.0	296.1	554.0	315.1	185.7	1,674.0	100.0

(a) Expectations expressed as “one or two”, “two or three” etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case.

TABLE 8. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS : BY NUMBER OF MARRIAGES, NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN AND EXPECTED (a), NOVEMBER 1976
(‘000 women)

Additional children expected	Women whose children numbered –					Total Number	Per cent
	None	One	Two	Three	Four or more		
ONCE MARRIED WOMEN							
None	54.1	67.2	407.5	262.4	155.6	946.9	59.2
One	17.5	127.7	53.3	17.5	4.2	220.1	13.8
Two	141.4	45.3	16.9	*	*	206.1	12.9
Three	45.8	12.6	*	*	*	60.1	3.8
Four or more	17.1	*	*	*	*	19.9	1.2
Expecting more children but uncertain of number	14.9	5.7	2.2	*	*	24.5	1.5
Expectations unknown	21.1	24.3	50.0	18.2	8.6	122.1	7.6
Total	312.1	284.4	532.6	300.3	170.2	1,599.6	100.0
WOMEN MARRIED MORE THAN ONCE							
None	5.2	4.5	15.2	12.5	13.2	50.6	68.1
One	*	3.3	3.3	*	*	9.0	12.1
Two	3.6	*	*	*	*	6.9	9.3
Three	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Four or more	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Expecting more children but uncertain of number	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Expectations unknown	*	*	*	*	*	6.7	9.0
Total	10.9	11.7	21.4	14.8	15.5	74.3	100.0
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN							
None	59.3	71.8	422.7	274.9	168.8	997.5	59.6
One	18.4	131.0	56.6	18.4	4.8	229.1	13.7
Two	145.0	46.9	17.7	2.6	*	213.0	12.7
Three	45.8	13.0	*	*	*	60.5	3.6
Four or more	17.3	*	*	*	*	20.0	1.2
Expecting more children but uncertain of number	15.2	5.9	2.2	*	*	25.1	1.5
Expectations unknown	21.9	26.0	52.0	18.7	10.1	128.7	7.7
Total	323.0	296.1	554.0	315.1	185.7	1,674.0	100.0

(a) Expectations expressed as “one or two”, “two or three” etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case.

TABLE 9. TOTAL AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED (a)
TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS (b) : BY AGE OF MOTHER AND DURATION OF
CURRENT MARRIAGE, NOVEMBER 1976

Age group	Married women '000	Children already born		Additional children expected		Total children	
		'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women
CURRENT MARRIAGE LESS THAN 2 YEARS							
15-19	31.4	11.6	371	62.7	2,000	74.3	2,371
20-24	91.6	15.3	167	200.2	2,185	215.6	2,352
25-29	23.9	10.0	420	38.9	1,631	48.9	2,051
30-34	8.0	12.0	1,503	7.1	895	19.1	2,398
35-39	6.6	16.4	2,482	*	*	17.9	2,716
Total	161.4	65.4	405	310.5	1,923	375.9	2,328
CURRENT MARRIAGE 2 TO UNDER 5 YEARS							
15-19	8.4	8.9	1,069	10.1	1,212	19.1	2,281
20-24	160.6	138.0	860	226.3	1,410	364.4	2,269
25-29	100.2	97.6	975	124.1	1,239	221.7	2,213
30-34	24.4	33.0	1,354	17.7	728	50.7	2,082
35-39	8.2	16.6	2,030	*	*	18.7	2,284
Total	301.6	294.1	975	380.4	1,261	674.5	2,236
CURRENT MARRIAGE 5 TO UNDER 10 YEARS							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	55.6	105.2	1,893	30.6	551	135.8	2,444
25-29	256.4	475.8	1,856	131.3	512	607.2	2,368
30-34	117.7	244.1	2,073	34.4	292	278.4	2,365
35-39	29.2	63.4	2,172	5.4	186	68.9	2,358
Total	459.1	889.1	1,936	201.7	439	1,090.8	2,376
CURRENT MARRIAGE 10 YEARS AND OVER							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
25-29	49.3	135.8	2,754	7.7	156	143.5	2,909
30-34	244.3	664.2	2,718	17.3	71	681.5	2,789
35-39	304.3	896.6	2,946	*	*	900.1	2,958
Total	598.0	1,696.5	2,837	28.5	48	1,725.1	2,885
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN							
15-19	40.0	21.1	527	72.8	1,822	93.9	2,349
20-24	307.8	258.5	840	457.2	1,486	715.8	2,326
25-29	429.7	719.3	1,674	302.0	703	1,021.3	2,377
30-34	394.4	953.2	2,417	76.5	194	1,029.8	2,611
35-39	348.3	993.0	2,851	12.6	36	1,005.6	2,887
Total	1,520.2	2,945.1	1,937	921.2	606	3,866.3	2,543

(a) Expectations expressed as "one or two", "two or three" etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case. (b) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number.

TABLE 10. TOTAL AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED (a)
TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS (b) : BY AGE OF MOTHER,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, NOVEMBER 1976

Age group	Married women '000	Children already born		Additional children expected		Total children	
		'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women
NEW SOUTH WALES							
15-19	13.2	5.4	409	26.4	2,006	31.8	2,415
20-24	102.9	85.8	834	149.4	1,452	235.1	2,285
25-29	147.7	243.1	1,654	108.0	731	351.0	2,376
30-34	136.1	327.6	2,408	28.0	206	355.6	2,613
35-39	123.5	348.2	2,820	6.8	55	355.0	2,875
Total	523.3	1,010.0	1,930	318.5	609	1,328.5	2,539
VICTORIA							
15-19	9.1	5.5	605	15.7	1,734	21.2	2,339
20-24	80.9	65.8	812	126.3	1,560	192.0	2,372
25-29	112.7	183.7	1,630	78.9	700	262.6	2,330
30-34	107.7	259.1	2,406	21.6	201	280.7	2,607
35-39	92.6	267.1	288.5	*	*	269.0	2,905
Total	403.0	781.2	1,939	244.4	606	1,025.6	2,545
QUEENSLAND							
15-19	8.1	5.6	694	14.0	1,726	19.7	2,421
20-24	47.7	41.5	870	72.2	1,513	113.6	2,383
25-29	61.8	111.0	1,796	44.5	720	155.4	2,516
30-34	58.3	150.2	2,577	11.8	202	162.0	2,780
35-39	51.0	147.9	2,899	*	*	149.6	2,931
Total	226.9	456.2	2,011	144.1	635	600.3	2,646
SOUTH AUSTRALIA							
15-19	3.6	*	*	6.2	1,711	7.4	2,044
20-24	29.7	23.4	786	43.8	1,474	67.2	2,261
25-29	42.6	68.4	1,606	26.2	616	94.6	2,222
30-34	36.0	78.8	2,185	5.2	145	84.0	2,331
35-39	32.1	91.1	2,837	*	*	91.7	2,854
Total	144.1	262.9	1,824	82.1	569	345.0	2,393
WESTERN AUSTRALIA							
15-19	3.7	2.0	528	6.4	1,720	8.3	2,247
20-24	28.5	24.6	863	40.8	1,433	65.4	2,296
25-29	39.1	67.4	1,726	26.9	688	94.3	2,414
30-34	34.4	83.9	2,439	6.4	187	90.3	2,626
35-39	30.5	85.9	2,819	*	*	86.7	2,846
Total	136.1	263.7	1,938	81.3	597	345.0	2,535
TASMANIA							
15-19	1.5	*	*	2.7	1,826	3.4	2,308
20-24	9.9	8.8	889	13.2	1,324	22.0	2,213
25-29	12.7	24.1	1,903	7.1	559	31.1	2,462
30-34	11.7	30.2	2,581	1.6	138	31.8	2,719
35-39	10.2	32.1	3,145	*	*	32.7	3,198
Total	46.0	95.9	2,087	25.1	545	121.0	2,632

TABLE 10. TOTAL AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED (a)
TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS (b) : BY AGE OF MOTHER,
STATES AND TERRITORIES, NOVEMBER 1976 – *continued*

STATES AND TERRITORIES, NOVEMBER 1976

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Age group	Married women '000	Children already born		Additional children expected		Total children	
		'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women
NORTHERN TERRITORY							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	2.4	3.5	1,450	2.7	1,100	6.1	2,550
25-29	3.9	7.9	2,048	1.8	476	9.8	2,524
30-34	3.4	7.9	2,360	*	*	8.6	2,560
35-39	2.7	7.6	2,840	*	*	7.8	2,920
Total	12.6	27.2	2,164	5.9	469	33.2	2,633
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	1.3	2,400
20-24	5.7	5.2	917	9.0	1,583	14.3	2,500
25-29	9.4	13.7	1,463	8.7	927	22.4	2,390
30-34	6.9	15.6	2,267	*	*	16.7	2,434
35-39	5.7	13.0	2,276	*	*	13.1	2,310
Total	28.2	47.9	1,701	19.9	706	67.8	2,407
AUSTRALIA							
15-19	40.0	21.1	527	72.8	1,822	93.9	2,349
20-24	307.8	258.5	840	457.2	1,486	715.8	2,326
25-29	429.7	719.3	1,674	302.0	703	1,021.3	2,377
30-34	394.4	953.2	2,417	76.5	194	1,029.8	2,611
35-39	348.3	993.0	2,851	12.6	36	1,005.6	2,887
Total	1,520.2	2,945.1	1,937	921.2	606	3,866.3	2,543

(a) Expectations expressed as "one or two", "two or three" etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case. (b) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number.

TABLE 11. TOTAL AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED (a)
TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS (b) : BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER,
NOVEMBER 1976

Age group	Married women '000	Children already born		Additional children expected		Total children	
		'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women
WOMEN BORN IN AUSTRALIA							
15-19	33.4	17.4	520	59.9	1,795	77.3	2,315
20-24	243.8	197.4	809	372.2	1,526	569.5	2,336
25-29	322.4	547.2	1,697	215.1	667	762.3	2,364
30-34	281.5	704.2	2,501	49.7	177	753.9	2,678
35-39	240.5	707.1	2,940	5.5	23	712.6	2,963
Total	1,121.6	2,173.2	1,938	702.5	626	2,875.6	2,564
WOMEN BORN IN UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND							
15-19	2.2	*	*	4.6	2,041	5.5	2,444
20-24	22.8	22.1	969	30.4	1,329	52.5	2,297
25-29	41.0	63.7	1,553	32.9	802	96.6	2,355
30-34	44.5	97.9	2,200	10.3	232	108.2	2,432
35-39	40.9	108.7	265.9	*	*	110.3	2,698
Total	151.5	293.3	1,936	79.7	526	373.1	2,463

TABLE 11. TOTAL AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED (a)
TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS (b) : BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER,
NOVEMBER 1976 - continued

Age group	Married women '000	Children already born		Additional children expected		Total children	
		'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women
WOMEN BORN IN SOUTHERN EUROPE (c)							
15-19	2.5	*	*	5.3	2,121	6.8	2,694
20-24	18.0	19.2	1,067	22.5	1,251	41.7	2,318
25-29	25.8	47.7	1,847	19.6	757	67.3	2,605
30-34	32.5	71.1	2,189	6.6	202	77.7	2,391
35-39	34.5	92.1	2,668	*	*	94.9	2,751
Total	113.4	231.6	2,043	56.9	502	288.4	2,544
WOMEN BORN IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	10.5	10.0	954	12.6	1,205	22.6	2,159
25-29	22.4	33.8	1,507	16.6	738	50.4	2,245
30-34	18.4	43.1	2,343	*	*	46.7	2,542
35-39	18.9	50.4	2,663	*	*	50.9	2,689
Total	70.5	137.2	1,947	34.0	483	171.3	2,430
WOMEN BORN ELSEWHERE							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	3.7	2,347
20-24	12.6	9.8	777	19.6	1,550	29.4	2,326
25-29	18.0	26.8	1,491	17.8	989	44.6	2,481
30-34	17.5	37.0	2,114	6.3	358	43.3	2,473
35-39	13.5	34.8	2,573	*	*	36.9	2,730
Total	63.2	109.8	1,737	48.1	761	157.9	2,498
TOTAL, OVERSEAS-BORN WOMEN							
15-19	6.6	3.7	563	12.9	1,961	16.6	2,524
20-24	64.0	61.2	956	85.1	1,330	146.2	2,286
25-29	107.3	172.1	1,604	86.8	809	259.0	2,413
30-34	112.9	249.1	2,207	26.8	237	275.8	2,444
35-39	107.8	285.9	2,652	7.1	66	293.0	2,718
Total	398.5	771.9	1,937	218.7	549	990.6	2,486
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN							
15-19	40.0	21.1	527	72.8	1,822	93.9	2,349
20-24	307.8	258.5	840	457.2	1,486	715.8	2,326
25-29	429.7	719.3	1,674	302.0	703	1,021.3	2,377
30-34	394.4	953.2	2,417	76.5	194	1,029.8	2,611
35-39	348.3	993.0	2,851	12.6	36	1,005.6	2,887
Total	1,520.2	2,945.1	1,937	921.2	606	3,866.3	2,543

(a) Expectations expressed as "one or two", "two or three" etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case. (b) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (c) Comprises Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Greece and Yugoslavia.

TABLE 12. TOTAL AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED (a)
TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS (b) : BY AGE OF MOTHER AND TYPE OF LOCALITY,
NOVEMBER 1976

Age group	Married women '000	Children already born		Additional children expected		Total children	
		'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women
METROPOLITAN (c)							
15-19	22.5	10.3	458	44.1	1,956	54.4	2,415
20-24	190.0	145.6	767	289.4	1,523	435.0	2,289
25-29	275.2	431.4	1,567	209.6	762	641.0	2,329
30-34	252.7	578.8	2,290	51.8	205	630.6	2,495
35-39	221.7	603.7	2,723	9.7	44	613.4	2,767
Total	962.2	1,769.9	1,839	604.6	628	2,374.5	2,468
NON-METROPOLITAN							
15-19	17.4	10.8	617	28.7	1,648	39.5	2,265
20-24	117.8	112.9	958	167.9	1,425	280.8	2,384
25-29	154.5	287.9	1,864	92.4	598	380.3	2,461
30-34	141.7	374.4	2,643	24.8	175	399.2	2,818
35-39	126.6	389.3	3,076	2.9	23	392.1	3,099
Total	557.9	1,175.2	2,106	316.6	567	1,491.8	2,674
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN							
15-19	40.0	21.1	527	72.8	1,822	93.9	2,349
20-24	307.8	258.5	840	457.2	1,486	715.8	2,326
25-29	429.7	719.3	1,674	302.0	703	1,021.3	2,377
30-34	394.4	953.2	2,417	76.5	194	1,029.8	2,611
35-39	348.3	993.0	2,851	12.6	36	1,005.6	2,887
Total	1,520.2	2,945.1	1,937	921.2	606	3,866.3	2,543

(a) Expectations expressed as "one or two", "two or three" etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case. (b) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (c) Comprises the six State capital cities (Statistical Divisions).

**TABLE 13. TOTAL AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN TO AND EXPECTED (a)
TO BE BORN TO MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS (b) : BY AGE AND LABOUR FORCE STATUS
OF MOTHER, NOVEMBER 1976**

Age group	Married women '000	Children already born		Additional children expected		Total children	
		'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women	'000	Per thousand married women
SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	3.2	2,473
20-24	6.4	7.3	1,129	9.0	1,404	16.3	2,533
25-29	16.9	30.9	1,828	6.3	370	37.2	2,198
30-34	19.4	45.0	2,321	*	*	47.8	2,462
35-39	23.8	66.7	2,805	*	*	66.9	2,815
Total	67.8	150.5	2,218	20.9	308	171.4	2,527
WOMEN EMPLOYEES							
15-19	15.0	3.1	203	34.4	2,290	37.4	2,493
20-24	146.6	45.5	311	277.3	1,892	322.9	2,202
25-29	128.5	129.1	1,005	131.9	1,026	261.0	2,031
30-34	123.5	262.6	2,127	24.6	199	287.2	2,326
35-39	129.1	333.2	2,581	4.8	37	338.0	2,618
Total	542.8	773.6	1,425	472.9	871	1,246.6	2,297
WOMEN CLASSIFIED AS UNEMPLOYED (c)							
Total	5.1	5.3	1,034	5.1	1,002	10.5	2,036
WOMEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE							
15-19	22.9	17.3	754	34.5	1,506	51.8	2,259
20-24	152.9	204.8	1,340	168.2	1,101	373.0	2,440
25-29	282.7	557.4	1,972	162.6	575	720.0	2,547
30-34	251.0	643.6	2,564	49.2	196	692.8	2,760
35-39	195.0	592.7	3,040	7.6	39	600.3	3,079
Total	904.4	2,015.7	2,229	422.2	467	2,437.9	2,695
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN							
15-19	40.0	21.1	527	72.8	1,822	93.9	2,349
20-24	307.8	258.5	840	457.2	1,486	715.8	2,326
25-29	429.7	719.3	1,674	302.0	703	1,021.3	2,377
30-34	394.4	953.2	2,417	76.5	194	1,029.8	2,611
35-39	348.3	993.0	2,851	12.6	36	1,005.6	2,887
Total	1,520.2	2,945.1	1,937	921.2	606	3,866.3	2,543

(a) Expectations expressed as "one or two", "two or three" etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case. (b) Excludes women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number. (c) Unemployed is defined as being without a job but actively seeking work. A full definition of the labour force classification is given in the monthly bulletin *The Labour Force* (6203.0).

TABLE 14. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS WITH ONE OR MORE CHILDREN (a) :
BY AGE AND INTERVALS BETWEEN NUPTIAL BIRTHS, NOVEMBER 1976
(000 women)

Age group	Interval					Total	Average interval (months)
	Less than 1 year (b)	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 years or more		
INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FIRST BIRTH							
Women with one or more children							
15-19	10.1	5.2	*	*	*	17.3	12.0
20-24	49.6	64.6	32.6	11.6	5.5	164.0	19.2
25-29	72.6	114.9	73.3	44.2	56.4	361.3	27.6
30-34	72.4	121.1	75.1	38.0	62.3	368.8	28.3
35-39	69.1	122.0	59.5	28.9	39.2	318.7	26.0
Total	273.7	427.6	242.3	123.0	163.4	1,230.1	26.1
INTERVAL BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND CHILD							
Women with two or more children							
15-19	*	2.1	*	*	*	3.7	21.2
20-24	4.0	37.9	26.0	13.6	4.7	86.2	26.8
25-29	8.8	105.3	97.5	36.2	23.4	271.2	28.9
30-34	9.0	134.6	100.4	50.7	43.0	337.6	31.2
35-39	9.1	125.6	83.5	45.3	41.0	304.4	31.8
Total	31.5	405.5	307.4	146.5	112.2	1,003.1	30.3
INTERVAL BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD CHILD							
Women with three or more children							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	5.4	5.9	2.5	*	15.6	26.4
25-29	3.9	35.3	22.0	17.1	12.5	90.8	31.0
30-34	4.1	52.1	49.0	33.7	32.7	171.6	35.4
35-39	5.6	61.0	49.2	29.8	46.8	192.3	37.9
Total	15.1	153.7	126.0	83.1	92.5	470.5	35.3
AVERAGE INTERVAL BETWEEN SUCCESSIVE BIRTHS AFTER THE THIRD CHILD							
Women with four or more children							
15-19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20-24	*	*	*	*	*	3.1	21.5
25-29	*	8.9	7.3	3.0	*	21.6	29.0
30-34	2.5	17.5	19.9	9.2	8.7	57.8	32.5
35-39	2.9	23.7	21.2	12.9	27.1	87.7	40.0
Total	6.0	51.6	49.7	25.3	37.7	170.2	35.8

(a) Excludes women married more than once and, if married only once, those with one or more children deemed to have been pre-nuptial.
(b) Includes interval for multiple births which is, necessarily, nil.

**TABLE 15. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS WITH ONE OR MORE CHILDREN (a) :
BY AGE AT MARRIAGE, BIRTHPLACE AND INTERVAL BETWEEN MARRIAGE AND FIRST BIRTH,
NOVEMBER 1976
(000 women)**

Age at marriage	Interval between marriage and first birth –					Total
	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 years or more	
AUSTRALIAN-BORN WOMEN						
15-19	119.5	144.6	56.4	24.9	35.2	380.5
20-24	74.6	128.9	98.8	57.0	77.4	436.8
25-29	8.5	17.9	15.4	7.7	5.3	54.8
30-34	*	2.3	*	*	*	4.5
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	204.0	294.0	171.5	89.5	117.9	876.8
OVERSEAS-BORN WOMEN						
15-19	32.6	60.8	30.8	13.3	15.7	153.3
20-24	31.1	60.1	31.9	16.1	26.7	165.8
25-29	5.6	11.1	7.2	3.8	2.9	30.6
30-34	*	*	*	*	*	3.6
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	69.8	133.7	70.9	33.5	45.5	353.3
TOTAL, ONCE-MARRIED WOMEN						
15-19	152.1	205.4	87.1	38.2	50.9	533.8
20-24	105.8	189.0	130.7	73.0	104.1	602.7
25-29	14.1	29.0	22.6	11.5	8.2	85.4
30-34	*	3.9	*	*	*	8.1
35-39	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	273.7	427.6	242.3	123.0	163.4	1,230.1

(a) Excludes women married more than once and, if married only once, those with one or more children deemed to have been pre-nuptial.

TABLE 16. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS, WITHOUT CHILDREN BUT EXPECTING TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE (a) : BY AGE, DURATION OF CURRENT MARRIAGE AND EXPECTED INTERVAL BEFORE FIRST BIRTH, NOVEMBER 1976
(⁰⁰⁰ women)

(000 women)				
Women whose marriage was of duration –				
Age group	Under 2 years	2 years to under 5 years	5 years or more	Total
FIRST BIRTH EXPECTED WITHIN ONE YEAR				
15-19	7.3	*	*	7.5
20-24	12.2	14.8	*	27.8
25-29	4.4	9.4	7.0	20.8
30-34	*	2.3	*	4.6
35-39	*	*	*	*
Total	25.7	26.9	9.1	61.8
FIRST BIRTH EXPECTED BETWEEN 1 AND 2 YEARS HENCE				
15-19	4.3	*	*	4.6
20-24	14.1	14.9	*	29.8
25-29	3.2	8.3	3.1	14.6
30-34	*	*	*	*
35-39	*	*	*	*
Total	21.6	23.7	5.1	50.4
FIRST BIRTH EXPECTED BETWEEN 2 AND 3 YEARS HENCE				
15-19	4.6	*	*	4.9
20-24	22.8	13.3	*	36.2
25-29	4.2	6.8	4.6	15.5
30-34	*	*	*	*
35-39	*	*	*	*
Total	31.9	20.8	6.5	59.1
FIRST BIRTH EXPECTED 3 OR MORE YEARS HENCE				
15-19	3.9	*	*	4.1
20-24	25.0	11.4	*	36.4
25-29	3.3	2.7	*	7.3
30-34	*	*	*	*
35-39	*	*	*	*
Total	32.4	14.3	*	48.4
INTERVAL TO FIRST BIRTH NOT KNOWN				
15-19	*	*	*	*
20-24	6.2	2.8	*	9.3
25-29	*	3.0	*	5.8
30-34	*	*	*	*
35-39	*	*	*	*
Total	8.5	6.0	2.7	17.1
TOTAL, ONCE-MARRIED WOMEN WITH NO CHILDREN				
15-19	20.7	*	*	21.8
20-24	80.4	57.2	*	139.5
25-29	16.6	30.1	17.3	64.0
30-34	*	3.2	4.7	9.3
35-39	*	*	*	2.3
Total	120.1	91.7	25.1	236.9

(a) Excludes women married more than once.

TABLE 17. MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15 TO 39 YEARS WITH TWO OR MORE SURVIVING (a)
CHILDREN : BY SEX OF CHILDREN AND BIRTH EXPECTATIONS (b), NOVEMBER 1976
(000 women)

Number of (additional) children expected	Married women						Total
	With two children			With three or more children			
	Two boys	Two girls	One boy, one girl	All boys	All girls	Boy(s) and girl(s)	
WOMEN AGED 15 TO 24 YEARS							
None	10.9	8.1	24.7	*	*	7.7	54.3
One	6.1	3.8	5.5	*	*	*	17.9
Two or more	*	*	3.1	*	*	*	5.8
Not stated (c)	3.5	2.4	3.4	*	*	*	11.4
Total	21.6	15.7	36.7	3.1	*	11.1	89.4
WOMEN AGED 25 TO 29 YEARS							
None	31.7	30.1	64.9	6.7	8.9	58.9	201.2
One	7.5	9.2	11.7	*	*	6.2	36.6
Two or more	2.6	3.4	4.4	*	*	*	11.2
Not stated (c)	5.2	6.0	10.5	*	*	6.2	30.0
Total	47.0	48.6	91.5	8.6	11.4	71.8	279.0
WOMEN AGED 30 TO 34 YEARS							
None	31.8	29.9	86.2	17.1	13.6	122.1	300.8
One	4.0	3.3	3.3	*	*	6.4	19.1
Two or more	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.4
Not stated (c)	3.6	3.9	10.3	*	*	8.4	28.0
Total	40.3	38.6	101.1	19.0	16.0	138.3	353.3
WOMEN AGED 35 TO 39 YEARS							
None	30.3	24.3	60.6	19.7	16.0	153.2	304.1
One	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.0
Two or more	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Not stated (c)	*	*	4.0	*	*	6.5	13.6
Total	31.8	26.1	65.1	20.4	16.8	161.3	321.6
TOTAL, MARRIED WOMEN WITH TWO OR MORE CHILDREN							
None	104.8	92.4	236.4	45.5	39.4	341.9	860.3
One	18.2	17.0	21.1	3.0	2.2	16.0	77.5
Two or more	4.4	6.3	8.9	*	*	2.2	22.5
Not stated (c)	13.3	13.3	28.2	2.6	3.1	22.5	83.0
Total	140.7	129.1	294.5	51.2	45.3	382.6	1,043.4

(a) Data on the number of children already born and the number of children surviving at the time of the interview were collected as separate items. This table, unlike the other tables, refers specifically to married women with two or more children surviving. (b) Expectations expressed as "one or two", "two or three" etc. children have been allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case. (c) Women who did not know their birth expectations and women who were expecting more children but were uncertain of the number.

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ATTACHMENT II

ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND CLASSIFICATIONS

The following items were obtained direct or imputed from the survey results. All data are on tape and tables can be produced if required. Details of imputation methods may also be obtained on request.

AGE OF WOMAN — in completed years at the date of the survey (15-39 years).

BIRTHDATE OF WOMAN — the month and year of birth was imputed to facilitate estimation of the mother's age at marriage and at the birth of a child.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF WOMAN — approximately 90 countries, or groups of countries, are identified.

YEAR OF ARRIVAL OF WOMAN IN AUSTRALIA — for overseas-born respondents.

OCCUPATION OF WOMAN — the classification used is : not in the labour force; looking for work; employer, self-employed, unpaid helper in family business; professional, technical, administrative, executive and managerial employees; clerical and sales employees; farmers, fishermen, hunters, timber getters, miners, quarrymen, etc. (employees); transport and communication employees; tradesmen and production (employees); storemen, packers, labourers; service, sport and recreation employees; inadequately described or 'not stated' employees.

HOURS WORKED BY WOMAN — this applies to the week preceding the survey and allows identification of women working part-time (i.e. less than 35 hours per week). The classification is in single hours.

DURATION OF MARRIAGE OF WOMAN — duration of the current marriage only, in completed years of marriage.

MARRIAGE DATE OF WOMAN — the month and year of marriage was imputed to facilitate estimation of various intervals involving date of the marriage.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALREADY BORN — live-born children only.

NUMBER OF SURVIVING CHILDREN — live-born children still living at the time of the survey.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THE CURRENT MARRIAGE — this number refers to live-born children whose birth occurred in or after the (imputed) month and year of marriage of the mother.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH OF CHILDREN — numbers born overseas or in Australia respectively. The numbers are imputed by comparing the date of birth of a child with its mother's year of arrival in Australia.

BIRTHDATE OF EACH CHILD — month and year in order from the youngest to the oldest. For families of 8 or more children, date of birth is imputed for children other than the youngest and the six eldest.

SEX OF FIRST TWO CHILDREN — where there are two or more children.

SEX OF ALL CHILDREN — where there are 2 to 6 children. The classification is : all boys, all girls, boy(s) and girl(s).

NUMBER OF EXPECTED CHILDREN — the classification used is : none, one, at least one, one or two, two, two or three, three, three or four, four, four or five, five or more, not stated.

NUMBER OF EXPECTED CHILDREN (ADJUSTED) — "one or two", "two or three" etc. were allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case, and "not stated" was allocated proportionately.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXPECTED IN NEXT FIVE YEARS — classified in the same way as "expected children".

NUMBER OF CHILDREN EXPECTED IN NEXT FIVE YEARS (ADJUSTED) — "one or two", "two or three" etc. allocated evenly to the two numbers involved in each case.

EXPECTED INTERVAL TO NEXT CHILD — the classification used is : within 12 months, 1 to less than 2 years, 2 to less than 3 years, 3 to less than 4 years, 4 to less than 5 years, 5 years or more, not stated.

EXPECTED COMPLETED FAMILY SIZE — sum of live-born children and expected children.

AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD — in completed years at the time of the survey.

BIRTH INTERVAL FROM FIRST TO LATEST CHILD — in months. This relates to live-born children, whether surviving or not.

DURATION OF MARRIAGE AT BIRTH OF FIRST CHILD — in months. This is calculated for women married once only and relies on the imputed month of marriage.

AGE OF WOMAN AT CURRENT MARRIAGE — in completed years. This is calculated from the imputed date of marriage and imputed birthdate.

INTERVALS BETWEEN CHILDREN'S BIRTHS — in months; from first to second, second to third etc.

